



**PATENT**

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Moden et al.

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**For:** APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MODIFYING THE CONFIGURATION OF  
AN EXPOSED SURFACE OF A VISCOUS  
FLUID

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on March 31, 2004.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 17 of this paper and include both an

attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 21 of this paper.